No, Newtown Pippin is **not disease resistant**; it is susceptible to major apple diseases like scab, canker, and powdery mildew, though it does show some resistance to rust. Its natural vigor and hardiness help it survive despite these vulnerabilities, and it does have excellent keeping quality, making it a worthwhile heirloom apple for those willing to manage its care.

Disease susceptibility

- **Susceptible:** Apple scab, canker, powdery mildew, fire blight, and bitter pit.
- **Resistant:** Rust.

Why it's still grown

- **Vigorous tree:** Its natural hardiness and vigor help it overcome disease challenges.
- **Excellent flavor and use:** It is a popular apple for eating fresh, cooking, and making cider, with its flavor improving in storage.
- **Good storage:** It has excellent keeping quality and can be stored for up to two months or more.